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SUBJ: SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

REF: TUNIS 512 (NOTAL)

1. IN CALL BY EMBOFF AND REPRESENTATIVE OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT
CO. ON BRAHIM KHOUADJA, DIRECTOR OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, KHOUADJA STATED
THAT GOT INTENDS PROCEED WITH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDY
OF POSSIBLE TUNISIAN GROUND INSTALLATIONS TO BE PART OF
INTELSAT SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OR POSSIBLY MORE
LIMITED REGIONAL SATELLITE SYSTEM (E.G., ARAB, MAGHREB OR
EUROPEAN). KHOUADJA NOTED THAT GOT SEEKING ENGINEERING/
CONSULTING FIRM TO MAKE SUCH STUDY, INCLUDING POSSIBLY
PREPARING SPECIFICATIONS FOR A
CALL FOR BIDS FOR APPROPRIATE GROUND INSTALLATIONS. HE
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ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE LIST

OF QUALIFIED AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH WHICH GOT COULD ENTER INTO SUITABLE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT. HE NOTED THAT ANY SUCH FIRM SHOULD BE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT OF MANUFACTURERS OF SATELLITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. AT LEAST ONE JAPANESE AND ONE FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER HAD OFFERED TO MAKE SUCH STUDY FREE OF CHARGE, BUT GOT PREFERS HAVE TOTALLY SEPARATE AND OBJECTIVE STUDY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE DIFFICULT ASSESS SERIOUSNESS OF KHOUADJA REQUEST, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPT. OF COMMERCE OR STATE PROVIDE NAMES OF ROUGHLY FIVE BEST QUALIFIED US FIRMS WHICH COULD BE PASSED ON TO HIM.

3. KHOUADJA PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON STATUS OF ARAB SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO COMPLEMENT THAT ALREADY REPORTED TUNIS 512. HUGHES REP, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT RATHER THAN PROCEED WITH ATU SPONSORED SYSTEM, ONE TO FOUR ARAB STATES WILL PROCEED ON THEIR OWN TO ESTABLISH SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN WHICH OTHER ARAB STATES WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY DESIRE.
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